

Washington - Congresswoman Linda Sánchez, a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, released the following statement following the start of the fifth year of the war in Iraq.

“Today marks another unfortunate milestone for the tragic war in Iraq.

“We frequently read the costs of the war as staggering numbers - four years of combat, \$400 billion of taxpayer dollars, and worst of all, more than 3,200 fallen U.S. troops. After frequent talks with wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, as well as with families who have lost loved ones in Iraq, it is clear that the actual costs of the war transcend numbers.

“The beginning of this war’s fifth year is the beginning of its end. The American people have made it very clear that they do not support our current open-ended commitment to this war, nor the recent decision to send at least 21,000 more young women and men into harm’s way.

“For the first time since this war began, Congress is listening. There will be no more blank checks for the war in Iraq. “